

CONSPIRACY CASE TRIAL IN OCTOBER

Indictments, Four Years Old, Charge Attempts to Defraud Government.

Defendants Comprise Prominent San Francisco Real Estate Syndicate.

The big land conspiracy case against the San Francisco real estate syndicate composed of Frederick A. Hyde, Henry P. Dimon, John A. Benson, and Joseph H. Schneider, will not be brought to trial here until October, before a jury in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. It has been on the docket since 1902. This decision was reached today, as it was realized that the case will probably occupy several months, and if called now would seriously interfere with the vacation season.

The indictments charged a conspiracy hatched in this city in 1901 to defraud the United States out of many thousands of acres of public lands in the West. It is alleged that these men, operating through the names of fictitious persons, acquired school lands in Oregon and California, by false entries and forged signatures, the entries later being transferred with the help of information from subsidized clerks in the General Land Office.

Benson, who was the moneyed man of the concern, a millionaire of high social standing in San Francisco, contested extradition proceedings, as did his co-defendants, who are alleged to have done the actual work in the field.

Binger Hermann, Commissioner of the Land Office at that time, and later a Representative from the State of Oregon, sent Special Agents Holsinger and Magee out West to investigate. The report was submitted to Hermann, who, it is alleged, held it up. Finally it was brought to the attention of former Secretary Hitchcock by Magee. He immediately detailed Secret Service officers and attorneys of the Department of Justice on the case. Their findings led to the indictments.

From the time that the case was presented to the grand jury until the Supreme Court of the United States upheld the Government's contention in requisition proceedings, the defendants have employed every technicality of the law in order to avoid trial.

About forty witnesses from the West will be called by the Government. They include a number of persons whose names are alleged to have been forged to land patents.

REVIVAL MEETINGS CLOSE AFTER SUCCESSFUL WEEK

Maj. George A. Hilton, the California evangelist, who has been conducting successful evangelistic revival meetings during the week at McEldredge Methodist Episcopal Church, under the auspices of the mission workers of the city, will close that series of meetings tomorrow with three services, assisted by the Rev. E. D. Bailey.

The first service will be held in the lecture room of the church in the interest of the Sunday school pupils and will be conducted by George Wheeler, of the Gospel Mission. Maj. Hilton will fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock services, taking the place of the pastor, the Rev. R. L. Wright. In the afternoon at 7:30 o'clock will be the farewell of Maj. Hilton and the Rev. Mr. Bailey.

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Algie Got Blin' Staggers An' Fell on Percy's Knife

Moonlight Dazed Him Powerful, But Court Won't Accept Explanation of Fracas and Fines Romancers.

Strike not a stranger in the eye in a spirit of merry pleasantry, nor strive to insert a knife between his ribs of his person in a jocose manner after imbibing freely that liquor which inebriates and causes a cheerful warmth to steal over the mind, for should you ever come before his honor, Judge Mullen, the next morning, he will surely fail to appreciate your information, inquisitively given, that you were only playing, and should you be without funds you may "hide a wee" in the District Jail.

Algernon Coleman and Percival Black have learned this costly lesson at the feet of justice. An eloquent lawyer, and witnesses for the Government, who did not know the day, month, or year, together with their own simple explanation, failed to save them from a fine of \$5 and \$20, respectively.

Furthermore, they were informed by the judge that he had half a mind to convict them of perjury and, that their bitterness might be complete, their touching story, of how Algernon got the "blin' staggers" in the moonlight, and fell upon a knife held by Percival, was greeted with laughter by unfeeling persons who congregated in the courtroom to jibe and jeer at their beautifully delivered romance.

The Government witnesses had closed their testimony and things looked rather bad for Algie and Percy. Al had testified that both of the defendants were drunk and that while in this condition they had gotten into a mutual combat during the course of which Percy stabbed Algie "wif a knife in d' hand."

"Yonner, Judge," he said in a choked

voice, wiping the tears from his eyes. "P-P-Pussie (referring to his friend) an' me ain' neval had no trouble. We wuz standin' in front uv a saloon. D' moon wuz shinin' from a cleah sky an' Ah could see Pussie cleanin' his dingahalls, an' (a deep and impressive pause) he had a knife in his han'."

"All of a sudden Ah don' got d' blin' staggers and Ah falls against Pussie and he don' throwed up his han' wif de knife and struck me in d' head, but we wuz on'y jokin' anyhow. Dey wan't no ha'm done. We wuz jus jokin'." An' Ah got d' blin' staggers in de moonlight."

Percy swore to everything that his companion in durance had testified to, and impressed strongly upon the mind of the court the fact that Algie had the blin' staggers and that the moon was shining.

Then the two truthful defendants went back to their seats with a satisfied expression upon their faces, confident of having convinced the court that the whole thing was not a fight but an accident.

But alas for their hopes! "You men might make a success as fiction writers," said his honor severely, "but you were never intended to testify in court. You embellish too much—\$20 for Percy and \$5 for Algie."

SWALLOWS RETURN TO WASHINGTON

Are an Unfailing Indication of Passing of Cold Weather.

The swallows returned to Washington last night.

The annual coming of this swift-winged bird from its Southern home, where it spends the winter, is said, by those familiar with its habits, to be an unfailing indication of the real passing of cold weather, and the beginning of the warm season.

Ornithologists, who have given the habits of this little bird special study, agree that their migration from the South to the more Northern climes in the spring are never made until the weather is settled and fixed, and there is no danger of cold weather occurring in the sections to which they take their flight.

In a tall stack just back of the Munsey building thousands of these birds have made their nests for several years. Early this morning the advance guard of this colony showed up and marked their coming by a grand display of their swiftness of wing, flying in a wide circle around the big stack, chattering their disapproval of the smoke that came from the chimney. The birds will be without a permanent abiding place until the fires under the boilers at the base of that big chimney are extinguished.

The carnival of fun that these little feathered creatures have late every afternoon circling around the top of the big chimney is well worth watching.

POSTAL CLERKS GET PROMOTIONS

Changes at City Postoffice Including Two Resignations.

Changes in the Washington City Postoffice have been announced as follows:

William H. Beckstein, sub-clerk, appointed distributor, \$300 per annum; Frank D. Miller, sub-clerk, appointed registry clerk, \$300 per annum; Patrick J. Collins, sub-clerk, appointed assessor, \$200 per annum; James K. Dawes, appointed distributor, \$1,200 per annum, by transfer from the Philadelphia, Pa., postoffice, to date from May 1, 1907. Eva W. Ransdell, clerk, promoted from \$1.100 to \$1,200 and roster designation changed to money order clerk.

These clerks have received the following increases: Reuben C. Rowzee, \$1,000 to \$1,100; Windsor L. Bean, \$200 to \$1,000; William W. Day, \$300 to \$300; Gustav A. Woenig, \$300 to \$300; Harry A. Lemon, \$300 to \$300; George F. Howell, \$300 to \$300; Charles C. Miller, \$300 to \$300; Charles C. Clokey, \$300 to \$300; Robert S. Culley, \$300 to \$300; William M. Carpenter, \$300 to \$300.

These clerks have resigned positions paying as follows: Francis D. Alexander, \$200 per annum; Joseph Van Fleet, \$1,200 per annum.

Clerk Guy L. Davis, with a salary of \$900 a year, has been dropped without prejudice.

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SALTPETER FUMES OVERCOME FIREMEN

CHICAGO, April 27.—A dozen firemen fighting a fire in the basement of one of the buildings of the Hammond Packing Company early today were overcome by fumes of burning saltpeter, and were carried out by their companions barely in time to save their lives. The rescuers had to grope their way out through the burning building in the dense smoke, and they were so long coming out that the waiting crowds almost gave them up for lost.

The blaze started from some unknown cause in a pile of hides that were being cured by saltpeter. The damage was \$25,000.

MR. TIGHE'S FUNERAL HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Funeral services for Eugene J. Tighe, the well-known Washington newspaper man, will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon in his late home, 1322 Irving street northwest, and later in the shrine of the Sacred Heart Church, Fourteenth street. The body will be placed temporarily in a vault in Glenwood Cemetery. Acting as pallbearers for Mr. Tighe will be W. W. Richardson, and Thomas M. Harvey, of the Evening Star; Louis A. MacMahon, John H. Miller, and Henry Ransom, of the Washington Times, and Guy Finney, of the Washington Post.

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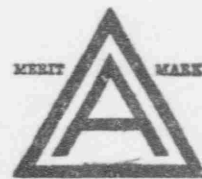
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